

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A nonwoven fabric sheet characterized by having a porosity in the range of 0.3 to 0.7 and a maximum pore size in the range of 0.5 μm to 5.0 μm .
2. (original) The nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the maximum pore size (μm)/average pore size (μm) ratio is 1.30 or lower.
3. (original) The nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the fiber constituting the nonwoven fabric is a polyolefin fiber.
4. (currently amended) The nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 3, wherein the polyolefin is a polymer of 4-methylpentene-1 4-methyl-1-pentene.
5. (currently amended) A laminate comprising the nonwoven fabric sheet according to any one of Claims Claim 1 to 5 and a strength retention material laminated thereon.
6. (currently amended) A method of producing a nonwoven fabric sheet characterized by molding a thermoplastic resin by a melt-blown method into a resin molded article in nonwoven fabric form; and subsequently press-molding said resin molded article in nonwoven fabric form with an elastic pressing means having a Young's modulus of 20 kg/cm^2 kg/cm² to 600 kg/cm^2 kg/cm² at a temperature lower than the melting point of the thermoplastic resin.
7. (currently amended) The method of producing the nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 6, wherein the pressing means has a Young's modulus of 20 kg/cm^2 kg/cm² to 300 kg/cm^2 kg/cm².

8. (currently amended) A filter, a light diffusion material, a liquid absorber, or a heat insulating material comprising the nonwoven fabric according to Claim 1 or the laminate according to Claim 5.

9. (new) A laminate comprising the nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 2 and a strength retention material laminated thereon.

10. (new) A laminate comprising the nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 3 and a strength retention material laminated thereon.

11. (new) A laminate comprising the nonwoven fabric sheet according to Claim 4 and a strength retention material laminated thereon.

12. (new) A filter, a light diffusion material, a liquid absorber, or a heat insulating material comprising the laminate according to Claim 5.

13. (new) A filter, a light diffusion material, a liquid absorber, or a heat insulating material comprising the laminate according to Claim 9.

14. (new) A filter, a light diffusion material, a liquid absorber, or a heat insulating material comprising the laminate according to Claim 10.

15. (new) A filter, a light diffusion material, a liquid absorber, or a heat insulating material comprising the laminate according to Claim 11.